COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, September 17th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith, in the chair; Ald. Birrell, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Boyd, Hunt, Hyman, Becher and Moore, and A. S. Abbott, clerk. Minutes adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

W. H. Bartram, Reeve of London West—Suggesting that in re-erecting Kensington bridge.

Secretary Protestant Orphans' Home Board—Asking that a destitute cripple named John Lovell be sent to the Strathroy House of Industry, and one Marriot transferred to the Home. Permission granted.

D. G. Mackenzie, county clerk—Notification that Alex. McKellar, of Lobo, had been appointed arbitrator re bridge dispute. No. 2.

G. Deacon & Son, lessees in Market Bazar—Asking permission to extend stall in rear at their own expense. No. 3.

S. Grant and W. D. Buckle, city assessors—Asking remuneration for extra services performed in making returns and serving notices respecting lands liable to be sold for taxes due back as far as 1874. No. 1

B. Sleene, Secretary Tecumseh Baseball Club—Asking free use of the City Hall on the evening of October 2, for an assembly. No. 2 with power.

I. Danks, Secretary of the Board of Water Commissioners—Notification that the pipes laid to supply London West with water will be removed on the 15th inst. No. 3.

J. B. Broughton—Asking a reduction in rent for stall No. 5, Covent Garden Market. No. 3.

ACCOUNTS.

R. S. Murray, carpets, etc., and carpet laying for the City Hospital, $113 48. No. 3.

ADVERTISER Printing and Publishing Company, printing and advertising, $346 05. No. 1.

THE DECEASED ALDERMAN.

The Mayor announced, with regret, the death of ex-Ald. Ardell, on 16th.

Moved by Ald. Boyd, seconded by Ald. Browne,

"That this Council having heard, with deep regret, of the death of an esteemed citizen, the late Ald. James Ardell, do attend the funeral in our corporate capacity, and do hereby tender our sympathy to his family, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to his brother."

THE G. T. R. FREIGHT SHED.

Mr. Lucas, of the G. T. R., appeared before the Council, asking that the Grand Trunk Company be permitted to complete the frame addition to their freight shed, to which objection had been taken on the ground that it was contrary to the fire bylaw.

Action deferred till reading of No. 3 Committee's report.

REPORT OF NO. 3 COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman:

1. That the City Engineer be instructed to notify the G. T. R. authorities that they are violating the city bylaws by erecting a frame edition to their freight shed.

2. Payment of hospital accounts, $575 02.

3. Payment of fire department accounts, $45 43, and John Turner, repairs to water carts, $122 25.

4. That the Chairman be empowered to purchase six rubber buckets for the fire department, cost not to exceed $18.

5. That the offer of $3,000 from London East for a water supply be not accepted.

6. That London East be supplied with water at one and a half rates.

7. That the petition of R. Clark be granted on the same condition as the other City Hall tenants, and that the Engineer be authorized to have the steam pipes put in at once.

8. That the petition of Wm. Hatting, re W. Oates, be granted, and that the City Clerk be instructed to write to the Superintendent of the Asylum at Orillia, and obtain an order for the admission to that Institution of the said Wm. Oates.

9. That the petition of J. B. Smyth, Secretary Western Fair Board, be granted.

10. That the petition of Wm. Deplough be fyled.

11. That the petition of Wm. Brock, et al, be referred to the Council.

12. That the tender of Wm. Scott, for putting new roof on the Market House, be accepted. Amount of tender, $495; and that for the present no action be taken towards the proposed extension of the Market Bazaar.

Taken up clause by clause. 1st Read.

Ald. Boyd moved, and Ald. Stringer seconded, that the G. T. R. Company be permitted to complete the building, and that the clause be ammended accordingly. Carried.

Ald. Birrell moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Hunt, that the matter be referred to the Railway Committee. Lost, motion carried.

Clauses 2, 3, 4 adopted, 5 read.

Mr. Flock, solicitor of the London East Council, appeared, and said he had been deputed by the London East Council to offer the city $3,000 per year for a supply of water, without any expense whatever for pipes, mains, etc., to the city.

On motion of Ald. Birrell, seconded by Ald. Cowan, clause 5, rejecting the $3,000 offer, was adopted

Clause 6 read.

Moved by Alderman Boyd, "That this Council offer to supply London East with water on the following conditions, and in the event of them being accepted by the Council of London East, the Board of Water Commissioners be empowered to complete arrangements and supply water at the earliest possible time after this agreement has been entered into by the corporation of London East, guaranteeing payment of such rates as they are entitled to pay. And private consumers will in all cases be required to sign the ordinary form of application.

"The municipality of London East to lay down all street mains and pipes and erect all hydrants for public use, whether on streets or private property and intended to protect property under municipal bonuses, and at their own expense to keep same in proper state of repair, and in no case permit an undue waste of water, and in case of a break either in main or hydrant, shall at the earliest possible time notify the Secretary of the Water Commissioners of such break.

"Private consumers to be at the expense of house, lawn, or other services, which shall be put in under the supervision of a competent officer, who shall be appointed by the Water Commissioners, and in whose presence all connections must be made.

"The corporation of London East to pay direct to the Water Commissioners for each and every hydrant as above, the sum of $9 37½ cents per quarter, with the usual twenty per cent. discount for prompt payment within fifteen days, or at the rate of $37 50 per annum, and for street watering the sum of 2½ cents per foot for each and every block, that is, from 1st of April to 1st of October, one-half of the rate to be paid on the 1st of July and the balance to be paid on the 1st day of October.

"Private rates, that is, any rate not above enumerated, shall be at the rate of one and a half rates, or one half more than those now collected from the citizens and authorized by the present tariff rates. Rates in all cases to be paid to the Secretary R.W.C.

"This arrangement to continue in force five years, but in case of accident or other cause and the city be unable to supply water, rates shall cease from time of such failure. But in the event of the municipality of London East so desiring the city to supply them with water at the rate of———per one thousand gallons, the quantity consumed to be determined by meter and rate to be paid as provided above."

Ald. Stringer moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Moore, that clause 6 be adopted, and the details of scheme be referred to No. 3 to report.

Ald. O'Meara moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Ald. Browne, that London East receive water at one rate for fire and domestic purposes, London East to pay on the basis of population or portion of the interest on all money spent outside of the city, and all in future spent including the main pipe through the city to London East, the latter to lay her own mains and service pipes under the supervision of the City Engineer, London East to pay three rates for manufacturing purposes. Lost on the following division: Yeas—Ald. O'Meara and Brown. Nays—Ald. Birrell, Hunt, Hyman, Cowan, Skinner, Stringer, Boyd, Becher and Moore.

Ald. Hyman then moved in amendment to the amendment, seconded by Ald. Becher, that No. 3 Committee confer with the Water Commissioners and London East and bring before this Council all the details requisite for the agreement to furnish water to Londen East, said details to be made on a basis of 1½ rate. Carried.

Clauses 7, 8, 9 and 10 adopted and 11 read.

Ald. Boyd moved that the petition of the fish stall men be not granted. Ald. Birrell seconded. Carried.

Clause 12 adopted.

REPORT NO. 2 COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Browne, chairman:—1 Passage of pay rolls of Street Commissioner and Victoria Park, $722 44 and the following accounts: Wm. Cathro, $291 05; John Purdom, $500; Wm. Gallep, $10; Maurice Baldwin, $77; Moses Cox, $400; Jas. Wright & Co., $112 58; Michael Donahue, $91 92; Thos. Churcher, $45; Jas. Reid & Co., $144 75; John Bryan, $10; John McConnell, $40 30; H. M. Cathro work on walks, Oxford street bridge and Dufferin avenue sewer, $1,180. Total, $3,002 60.

2. Your committee recommend that the fine and costs, amounting to $5 50, be refunded to Thomas Morkin, as the damage done by his cattle was no fault of his.

3. That John Hackett be refunded fees charged him on impounded cows during the flood.

Ald. Browne also read the following statement from the City Engineer, on expenditures to date:

Pay roll	$4,525 83
Gravel	750 91
Cathro, asphalt	5,900 00
Lumber for repairs	431 94
Nails	260 00
Paving	35 00
Block crossings	291 08
Sundries	124 18
Total	$12,318 94

REQUIRED TO BE DONE.

Asphalt walks	$2,500 00
Opening water courses, repairing walks, etc.	1,181 06
Total	$16,000 00
General fund expended	5,000 00

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE.

City of London, No. 2 Committee,

ESTIMATES FOR 1883,

Board of Works—Special Appropriation	$16,000.00	
General Fund, general repairs and work done before appropriation was made, street cleaning, tree washing, stone breaking	8,000.00	
Street sweeper and scraper, and other special, works	1,000.00	
		$25,000.00
City Hall Repairs expenditure including new work	5,000.00	
City Parks	2,500.00	
Exhibition ground and buildings, including salaries	350.00	
		7,850.00

BRIDGES.

York Street	750.00	
Oxford Stret, taking out material	300.00	
Wellington Street	50.00	
Blackfriars	50.00	
Victoria	500.00	
Kensington, if built	6,000.00	
Flood Damages, exclusine of bridges	2,000.00	
City Pounds	50.00	
Registry Office	150.00	
Court House and Jail, including new fences	500.00	
Military Camp	315.00	
Police Station, Furniture for Magistrate, Clerk's desks, say	200.00	

SEWERS.

Ridout St N.	1,100.00	
Ridout St. S.	500.00	
Queen's Ave., Wellington to Clarence	450.00	
Dundas St., Colborne to Adelaide	2,100.00	
William St., Creek to Grosvenor	4,000.00	
Dufferin Ave., Wellington to Picton	350.00	
King St., Waterloo to Colboane	750.00	
Waterloo St., Horton to Bathurst and on Bathurst E.	675.00	
Clarence St., King to York	450.00	
Talbot St., Maple to Albert and Albert	1,625.00	
		$ 12,000.00

☞ Ald. Becher moved in amendment that a deduction of $2,000 be made on the first three items of "$16,000, $8,000 and $1,000," in the Engineer's estimate carried on a vote of 6 to 5.

On motion, a reduction of $500 was made in the Victoria Park expenses The other items passed.

BRIDGE BUILDING.

Ald. Boyd made a report as to the result of meetings of a sub-committee with a County Council Committee. He favored building a wooden bridge instead of an iron one at Kensington.

Moved by Ald. Boyd, and Ald. Beecher seconded, that the Committee be empowered to call for tenders for a wooden structure. Carried.

Boyd and Birrell—Motion that the cost of the bridge be reduced from $6,000 to $4,000. Carried.

Ald. O'Meara then moved that the Engineer be instructed to call for tenders for the erection of Oxford Street Bridge, and the work proceed forthwith. Ald. Cowan seconded.

Lost on the following division: Yeas—Ald. Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan and Moore, 4. Nays—Birrell, Hunt, Skinner, Stringer and Becher, 5.

PROTESTANT HOME COWS.

Mr. D. Dignam, caretaker at the Protestant Orphans' Home, applied to the Council for a remit of $5 on account of cows impounded belonging to the Home. Referred to No. 3.

REPORT NO. ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hyman, chairman—1. Recommend the following accounts for payment: Fire Department—A. J. Jarvis, $10 75; Jas. Wright & Co., $8 18; P. J. Flannery, $28 50. Hospital—Jas. Perkins, $107 52; John Ranahan, $32 45; Samuel Cooper, $35 33; Thos. Brock, $15 66; W. J. McGuigan, $5; F. B. Wilkinson, $3 15; W. Y. Brunton & Son, $56 96; pay sheet, $73 75; T. E. O'Callaghan, $166 76; W. T. Strong, $75 42. Relief—T. E. O'Callaghan, $166 76; Geo. McNeill, $19. Debenture expense—Toronto Mail, $25 20; Globe, $27; Montreal Herald, $18 40. Insurance—North British, $8; Royal, $8. Stationery—J. I. Anderson, $4 80. Salaries—J. K. Clare, $477; southern pound rent, $12 50. Total, $1,256 60.

2. We beg to submit the Police Court Clerk's report for August: Balance from July $10 34; amount of fines paid Treasurer, $66 85. Total, $77 19. By complainants' costs and witness fees, $1 60. Balance carried to September, $6 94. To amount of fines imposed on prisoners and committed for nonpayment, $103; time given for payment, $1. Total, $104.

3. Your Committee beg to report progress respecting the petitions of Rev. J. E. Moore, Philip D. Richards and Mrs. A. Murray, and the communication of C. Cochrane. Adopted.